Proposals for better management/utilisation of budgetary allocations

2957. SHRI S. PETER ALPHONSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that poor budgeting and financial management by most of Government departments have adversely affected development work;

(b) whether the overall savings of an alarming Rs. 44,231 crores have virtually paralysed various social welfare schemes; and

(c) what proposals Government have got for the better management and utilisation of budgetary allotments?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) The Budget Estimates and Revised Estimates 1997-98 under the "Social Services" sector, function-wise, are given below:

(Rs. in crore)

	1997-98 (BE)	1997-98 (RE)
1. Education, Sports, Youth Affairs	5421	5134
2. Health and Family Welfare	3308	3369
3. Water Supply, Housing, etc.	3450	3449
4. Information & Broadcasting	683	896
5. Labour & Employment	720	651
6. Welfare of SC/ST & OBC	1001	728
7. Other Social Services	2600	2293
TOTAL—Social Services	17183	16520

It may be seen from the above that the shortfall in utilisation of provisions allocated for "Social Services" is not as large as mentioned in the question.

(c) Monitoring of expenditure and improvement in expenditure management is a continuing exercise. Instructions have been issued from time to time for improvement in expenditure management and proper utilisation of budgeted expenditure. In this connection, it is pertinent to mention that as per the extant procedure, the excess expenditure over budgetary allocations and savings are reported to parliament through the report of the C & A. G of India and are examined by the Public Accounts Committee.

Increase in cases of drug smuggling

2958. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether increasing cases of narcotic drug smuggling have been detected along the international borders of the State of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details of cases detected and quantity of drugs seized in the State during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the remedial measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI R. JANARTHANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Survey conducted by FICCI regarding threat preception of MNCs

2959. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister FINANCE of be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a survey conducted by the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) which revealed that majority of industrialists shared a threat perception on account of MNCs entry;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to do introspection regarding the impact of globalisation on the Indian economy; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?